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1. Despite political disturbances which occurred in Venezuela during mid-October, created by Accion Democratica, the outlawed political party, the Military Junta of Government is determined to proceed with their plans for an election in April 1952. The Junta feels that the government party, the Frente Electoral Independiente, is well established, and that there will be no difficulties in obtaining a victory for the government candidate, Lt. Col. Marcos Perez Jimenez. Perez Jimenez is presently Minister of Defense and actually the head of the Military Junta.

2. Perez Jimenez is of the opinion that recent disturbances were provoked by the AD in the hope that the government would again suspend constitutional guarantees, resulting in postponing elections. According to Perez Jimenez, AD members fear they will be in an even poorer position if he is elected the constitutional president, and for that reason continued provocative incidents planned by AD can be expected.

3. The government is expected to announce the election date on 24 November, the anniversary of the military revolt of 1948. The elections, now planned for April 1952, will select members of a Constituent Congress. The government will seek to have the Medina constitution, which was in effect on 18 October 1945, re-enacted. Provision will be made to have the president elected by the Constituent Congress. The Junta government will continue in power, except for a brief period prior to turning over control to the constitutional president.

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